

Introduction to rec.models.rockets and this FAQ

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[Rec.models.rockets](#) (r.m.r) is a Usenet newsgroup created for discussions and topics related to model and high-power rocketry. The purpose of this newsgroup is for the exchange of information between anyone wanting to build, fly, or use model rockets or high power rockets. These are viable alternatives to amateur rocketry. The term "model rocket" is defined based on non-metallic structural components, weight, propellant and total impulse restrictions, electrical ignition, recovery devices, and factory-made, solid propellant engines. The term "High power rocket" refers to any rocket using model rocket technology (as described above) except without the weight, propellant, and total impulse restrictions of model rocketry. Amateur rocketry, pyrotechnics, rocket motor-making, and "EX" rocketry are related topics that fall outside of the scope of this newsgroup.

This FAQ (list of Frequently Asked Questions) is an attempt to compile a number of questions and suggestions that have been repeatedly posted to [r.m.r](#) into a single, quickly readable document. This document was NOT meant to be a 'how to' on any form of non-professional rocketry. It's hoped that it might be of use in answering some of the more commonly asked questions, summarizing some good tips and suggestions, and directing the reader to other documents, books, sources, etc., where more information may be found. The FAQ has evolved into something monstrous (and very informative). For this reason, only this introduction and the first three sections of the FAQ will be posted biweekly. The entire FAQ will make its appearance on [r.m.r](#) monthly.

This FAQ is organized as a list of primary topics (see the [Table of Contents](#) below) with a number of questions and answers under each. The majority of this document deals with, but is not limited to, consumer rocketry in the United States and Canada.

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Many of the tips and suggestions included in this FAQ include references to particular companies and/or products. Opinions expressed are those of the submitters. Several submitters have asked that readers do not request the company names and addresses from them. PLEASE refer to [Part 2](#) of the FAQ or a recent issue of one of the rocketry magazines. Check this FAQ first.

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